IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re A	Application of)	Group Art Unit:	1 M AU	
TOSHIAKI KOJIMA)	Examiner:	F 371	
Application No.)	PRELIMINARY AMENDME	<u>MENT</u>	
Filed:	August 11, 1997))	2001 Ferry Bldg. San Francisco, CA 94111		
For:	RECORDING, REPRODUCING, AND RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUSES AND METHODS THEREOF)))	Ph.: 415-433-4150		
Assista	ant Commissioner for Patents				

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims

(Amended) A recording apparatus comprising: recording means for recording input first data in a recording medium; input means for inputting a start point and an end point of desired second data out of said first data to be recorded or already recorded in said recording medium by said recording means, and

control means, when said start point and end point of said second data are designated through said input means, for controlling said recording means so as to endlessly-record said first data in said recording medium while avoiding the recording region of said recording medium in which said second data has been recorded.